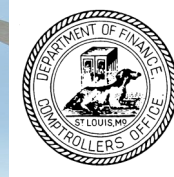


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**Candice Gordon Retires
after 42 Years with the
City!**



Accounting Officer **Candice Gordon** is leaving the Comptroller's Office after more than 30 years. Candice has been with the City of St. Louis a total of **42 years**. She started her first job with the City at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in 1973. She also worked with the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA) before joining our office in 1984 as an Accountant I.



Candice's last day with us is **Friday, March 20th**.



**American
Red Cross**

St. Louis Area Chapter

**Nearly 200 Have Donated
at Charles Drew Blood
Drives since 2008**

The **Red Cross Charles Drew Blood Drive** was held on February 18th and in spite of the brutally cold weather, 21 donors registered for the event. In all, 18 units of blood were collected. According to the Red Cross, each unit of blood can potentially save three lives.

The Comptroller's Office will host another blood drive on **Wednesday, August 19th** from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This office has been hosting blood drives since 2008 and has collected nearly 200 units of blood in total.



Nina Blanco with NOW 96.3 FM recently moved to St. Louis and was one of many who braved the cold for our blood drive.

Free Income Tax Preparation



Comptroller Green was interviewed during the **Free Tax Preparation** workshop on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Also pictured, videographer Jerry Berwin and STL-TV intern and SLUH student, Nick Eston.

Two separate events providing FREE income tax preparation and filing were a huge success in February.

It's an ongoing collaboration between the **Comptroller's Office**, **NABA (National Association of Black Accountants)** and **PNC Bank**. The first event took place on February 4th and the second was held on February 11th. Both were held at the **William J. Harrison Center** on Cass Avenue.

Approximately **134** taxpayers had their taxes prepared and filed for FREE during the two-day event. This marks the 4th year that the Comptroller's Office has been involved in the workshop.

"Lifting As We Climb"

AND THE
WINNER IS!....

A March 5th visit to City Hall by Washington Mutual proved to be just the ticket for **Dr. Kenneth Stone**.

Stone won a 32" flat screen TV during the company's raffle. Washington Mutual, which provides supplemental health benefits, set up a table in the Rotunda to discuss their various offerings. Those who made time to talk to the company were entered into the raffle.

Way to go, Dr. Stone!



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Terrific **OUTSTANDING**
Fabulous **OUTSTANDING** *Exceptional*
Terrific



Our very own **Yudora Watson** recently had \$150 reasons to celebrate. She won a Visa gift card during the **12 Days of Fitness Challenge** that was issued through the City's Bee-Fit program.

Yudora was one of more than 260 employees who participated in the challenge to exercise for 30 or more minutes for at least 12 days during the month of December.

Congratulations Yudora!

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions:

1. Lose Weight
2. Get Organized
3. Spend Less, Save More
4. Enjoy Life to the Fullest
5. Staying Fit and Healthy
6. Learn Something Exciting
7. Quit Smoking
8. Help Others in Their Dreams
9. Fall in Love
10. Spend More Time with Family

(Source: Statisticbrain.com)



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

April

- 1 Maurice Blair
- 2 Gail Boyce
- 2 Olaide Hassan
- 4 John Woodhouse
- 5 Sean Blandin
- 13 Regina Reynolds
- 18 Sherese Simmons
- 22 Ivy Pinkston

May

- 5 Randall Anderson
- 24 Charron Ford
- 25 Geneta Jacobs
- 13 Keith Taylor

June

- 1 Olena Opachevsky
- 8 Chana Morton
- 9 Lolita Versey
- 15 Karl Hlavaty
- 20 Charles Franz
- 20 Michelle Lobster

A New Year brings a New Van For Telecommunications

In mid-January, the Telecommunications group received a new van. It's a newly redesigned 2015 Ford Transit.

It replaces a 16-year-old unit, which was surplused through the Supply Division process.

Funding for the new van is through the 2013 City Rolling Stock Lease/Purchase borrowing.

The van is assigned to **Ray Gant**, pictured to the right.



Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club Awards Showcase

On February 15th, **Joseph Murchison** (brother of Michele Graham) received an award for the Baseball Hall of Fame. The honor was given at the Mathews-Dickey Awards Showcase.

Murchison began playing baseball in 1963. He would later go on to umpire, coach and be a manager. Throughout his career, he's won championships as both a player and a coach. Congratulations!



Joseph Murchison (pictured left) along with Martin Mathews of Mathews-Dickey



Employees of the Month!

We have two new Employees of the Month (EOM) to announce.

For January 2015, **Regina Reynolds** was chosen. Regina is an Accountant II and has been with our office since August, 2009.

Shalonda Covington was chosen EOM for February. She works as a Payroll Specialist II and has been with us since September 2000.

As always, those selected as Employee of the Month will have their information featured on the City's website and their photo displayed in Room 212.